

**REMARKS**

Initially, applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that the claims are allowed.

A substitute Abstract of the Disclosure is provided on an accompanying separate sheet that incorporates the suggested changes to the abstract as noted in the Official Action to address the objection to the abstract.

The title of the invention has been changed along the lines suggested in the Official Action.

Figures 8, 9A, 9B and 10 have been designated by the legend "PRIOR ART" to address the drawing objection noted in the Official Action.

The prior art elements 10, 11, 12, 14, 14a, 14b, 20 and 30 have been changed to "10', 11', 12' 14', 14'a, 14'b, 20' and 30' in both the specification and in Figure 8 to address the drawing objection noted in item 6 of the Official Action.

The drawing objections as to reference numerals 14, 14a, 14b, 12 and 43a as noted in items 4 and 5 of the Official Action, have been addressed, so that these reference characters are consistently used throughout the specification.

The above-noted drawing changes are with respect to the disclosed prior art and in any event do not present new matter.

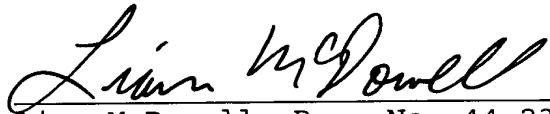
Since the claims are allowed and since the formal matters are believed addressed, the application has been placed

in condition for allowance. An early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Liam McDowell", is written over a horizontal line.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached two sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 8, 9A, 9B and 10, labeling these Figures as "PRIOR ART".

In addition, Figure 8 is amended to change the reference numerals 10, 11, 12, 14, 14a, 14b, 20, and 30 to --10', 11', 12', 14', 14'a, 14'b, 20' and 30' respectively.

Attachment: 2 Replacement Sheets

**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- Replacement Sheets for Figures 8, 9A, 9B and 10 of the drawings